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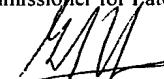
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of H. Hofland, D. Lamons, and X. Meng
Application No. 09/996,838 Group No. 1632
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR §1.136(a)

Sir:

It is requested hereby that the term to respond to the Action, dated September 21, 2005, be extended one month, from December 21, 2005 to Monday, January 23, 2006.

A Credit Card Payment Form authorizing the Commissioner to charge the amount of the extension fee is enclosed. The Commissioner is authorized hereby also to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment

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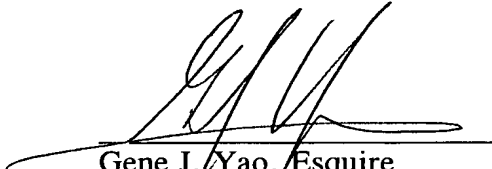
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